Construction of dam in the border areas adjoining Orissa

†1620. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh are constructing any dam in the border areas adjoining Orissa which has caused apprehension of losses to the State of Orissa;

(b) whether Chief Minister of Orissa has drawn attention towards this matter; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to mitigate the likely tension between the two States?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN-SOZ): (a) to (c) Polavaram (Indira Sagar) and Vamsdhara Project-II are two projects proposed in State of Andhra Pradesh which are causing some apprehensions of losses in the State of Orissa. Inter State Agreement dated 2nd April, 1980 among the Basin States namely Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh (now Chhattisgarh) and Orissa provides for construction of Polavaram project by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. In accordance with updated project report (August 2005), 12 sqkm area in the territory of Orissa is likely to be submerged in the State of Orissa. The inter State Agreement *inter-alia* provides for either constructing and maintaining protective embankment in Orissa or paying compensation for land and property likely to be affected above FRL 150 feet due to all effects including back water effect at the cost of Polavaram Project.

As per information received from Government of Andhra Pradesh, modified Vamsdhara Project-II consisting of Neradi Barrage was found acceptable by Central Water Commission/Advisory Committee of MOWR in the meeting held on 4th December, 1991. As the the Government of Orissa has not given concurrence and in view of delay, the Government of Andhra Pradesh proposed an alternative of side weir at Katragada Village as a temporary arrangement in Andhra Pradesh territory only for diverting the flood water within the Andhra Pradesh share till concurrence of Orissa Government is obtained for Neradi Barrage.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Central Government is facilitating to resolve the inter State issues between party States whenever approached by the Party States. For Polavaram Project, the Minister of Water Resources has called a meeting of Chief Ministers of party States on 26th September, 2006.

Flood control projects in Kerala

1621. SHRI K. E. ISMAIL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala had submitted 23 schemes for flood control in Kerala at an estimated cost of Rs. 47.33 crores to the Centre as suggested by the Ministry in 2003;

(b) whether the scheme in Karamana River from Kuntamankadavu has been accepted by the Expenditure and Finance Committee of the Centre;

(c) whether the Centre has informed Kerala later that they are not recommending the scheme to the Planning Commission;

(d) what is the reason for this contradictory decisions; and

(e) whether the original scheme of Rs. 47.33 crore is still under consideration and by when, a decision will be taken on this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ) : (a) to (e) As per the information furnished by Central Water Commission (CWC), 20 schemes amounting to Rs. 32.79 crore were received by CWC from Government of Kerala in February, 2000 for inclusion in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Ministry of Water Resources. The schemes were technically examined in CWC and it was observed that 19 schemes were each costing iess that Rs. 3.00 crores. Hence, as per the instructions of Planning Commission, these schemes were not found eligible for inclusion in Xth Plan and the scheme namely "Protection of both banks of Karamana river" amounting to Rs. 5.80 crore was recommended to Planning Commission for its inclusion in CSS for Xth Plan which was cleared by the Standing Finance Commission (SFC) along with the schemes of other States. The Planning Commission, however, in its internal meeting on 08.03.2004 did not recommend the scheme for approval of Full Planning Commission to avoid proliferation of new CSS in Xth Plan. This was informed by CWC